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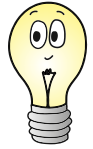
B.E.S.
A wise guide



Q
Bravely asks questions



Pause
Likes to stop and think



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An encouraging friend

STORY 1: Mary and Joseph in the Temple

Saying "Thank You" to God for His Son.



READ:
Luke 2: 22-38



KEY VERSE:
Luke 2: 30
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

When we receive a present from someone it's important to say "Thank You". Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to say "Thank You" to God for giving them this baby, but there was a surprise waiting for them!

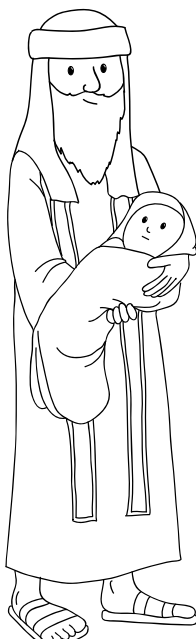
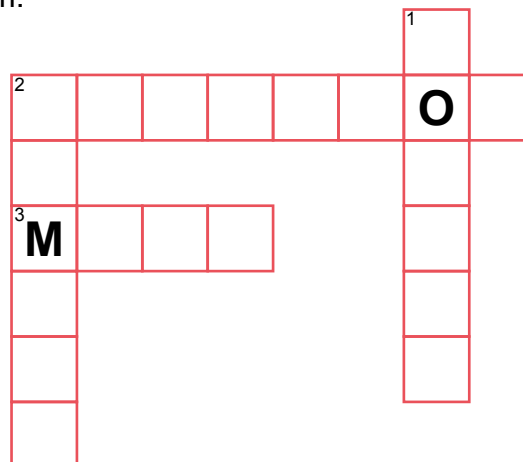
Q: Put the answers to the questions on the Word Grid.

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1. Name one person who went to Jerusalem.
2. Where did they take Jesus?

Across

2. What did they say to God?
3. Who was the mother of Jesus?



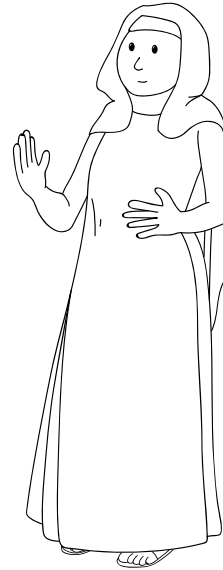
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While they were in the Temple saying "Thank You" to God, a man called Simeon also came. God had promised him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah - Jesus Christ. When he saw Jesus, he took Him up in his arms, praised God and thanked Him for this very special child. He was very happy because he had seen Jesus who was going to be God's Salvation. He would save people from their sins.

Q: Decorate the words.

God's Salvation.

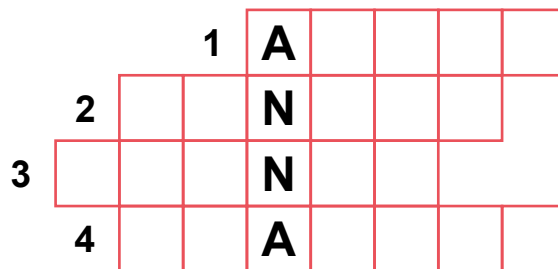
There was also an old lady called Anna in the Temple at that time. She was a prophetess from the tribe of Asher, and her father was called Penuel. Day and night she served God by fasting and praying. When she saw Jesus, she also gave thanks to God for Him.



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Q: Put the answers to the following questions about Anna in the WORD LADDER.

1. What tribe was she from?
2. Who was her father?
3. What did she give to God when she saw Jesus?
4. How did she serve God?
By fasting and



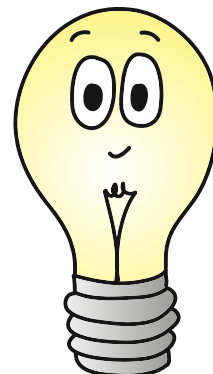
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As well as giving thanks to God for Jesus, she spoke about Him to everyone she met.

**Q: What else did Anna do?
Fill in the missing letters.**

She s _ _ _ _ about
J _ _ _ _ to everyone she met.

*The birth of
Jesus was such Good
News that Anna had
to tell others!*



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Many people said "Thank You" to God when Jesus was born. The Bible makes it clear that He was born to be the Saviour of the world.

TOTAL:

STORY 2: Growing up in Nazareth

Jesus spends time in His Father's house.



READ:
Luke 2: 39-52



KEY VERSE:
Luke 2: 40
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Jesus grew up with his mother Mary and Joseph. They lived in Galilee, in a town called Nazareth.

There was a special time each year, called the Feast of the Passover, when they would leave Nazareth and visit Jerusalem, along with many other families.

It was always an exciting time for the children. After the Feast, everyone would return home together, having stayed in the big city for several days.

Q: What was the special time of year called?

The F _ _ _ _ _ of the P _ _ _ _ _ .

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On one visit, when Jesus was twelve years old, a problem arose on the way home! They found Jesus was missing! Mary and Joseph thought He was with their relatives, and so they had continued their journey all day.

However, at the end of the day when they couldn't find Him, they returned to Jerusalem very worried, wondering where He could be!

After three days of looking, they found Him in the Temple among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Q: How old was Jesus? Circle the correct answer.

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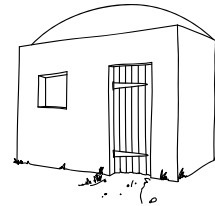
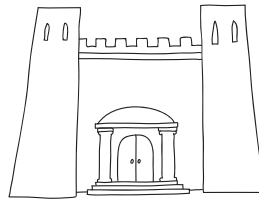
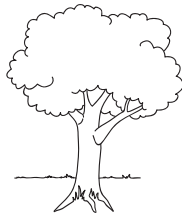
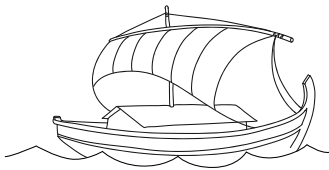
Q: How long were Mary and Joseph looking for Jesus?
Draw a line to the correct answer.

3

weeks
hours
days

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Q: Shade in the place where they found Jesus.



in a boat

under a tree

in the Temple

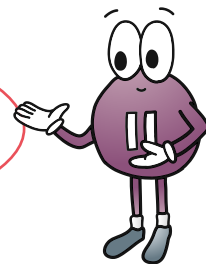
in a house

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The teachers were amazed at how much He knew about God. When Mary and Joseph saw Him, they were also amazed. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic searching for you everywhere." Jesus replied, "But why did you need to search? Didn't you know that I must be in my father's house?"

Q: Write in the speech bubble what Jesus said to His mother.

"But why did you need to
s _____? Didn't you k _____ that I
m _____ be in my f _____' _____ house?"



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Mary and Joseph did not understand what Jesus said. His Father was God. He was in the Temple because He was doing His Father's work, even though He was so young! When He returned home, He continued to obey Mary and Joseph in every way, pleasing them as well as God, His Father.

Q: Write 'Yes' by the RIGHT sentences.

God was the Father of Jesus.

Jesus disobeyed Mary and Joseph.

Jesus obeyed Mary and Joseph.

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As we grow up, it is important that we try to please those who look after us by doing as we are told. The Bible teaches that this always pleases God!

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STORY 3: Baptised in the River Jordan

Jesus is baptised by John.



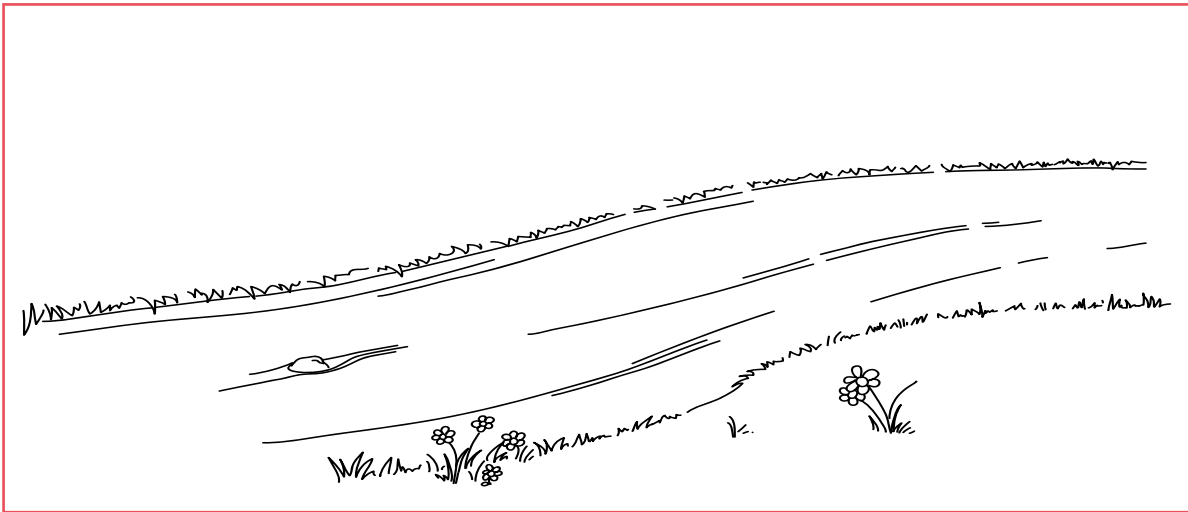
READ:
Luke 3: 1-22



KEY VERSE:
Luke 3: 22
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

What was going on down by the River Jordan? Crowds of people gathered around to listen and watch. At the centre of all the attention was a man called John.

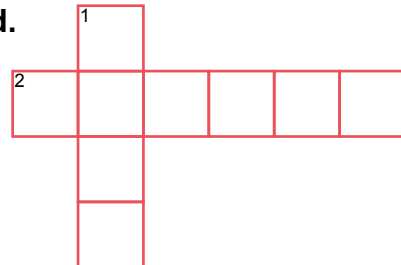
Q: Draw some people at the side of the river. Colour the picture.



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Q: Use the clues below to complete the Word Grid.

1. Who was the centre of attention?
2. What was the name of the river?



In the Bible story it says that “the Word of God came to John.” This means that it was God who gave John the message he was telling others.

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Q: Join the dots to complete these words.

“...the Word of God
came to John...”
Luke 3: 2

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John told the people that they were sinners and they should be sorry for the wrong things they had done, and stop doing them. They were then baptised by being dipped in the River Jordan. This showed that they really wanted to change their ways.

Christians have said “sorry” for the wrong things they have done. God has forgiven them and helps them to do what is right.

One day Jesus came to be baptised. He did not need to repent, (to be sorry and turn away from wrong), because the Bible tells us He is the only person who never sinned.

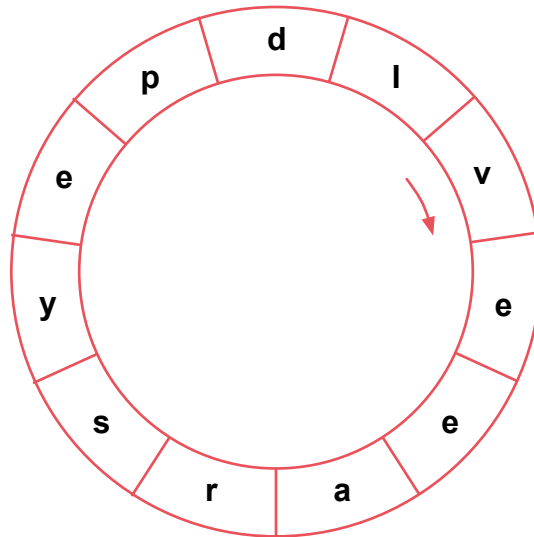
Q: What had Jesus never done?

S _ _ _ _ _ .

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When John baptised Jesus, God spoke from Heaven, showing in a wonderful way that He was very pleased with His Son. Also the Holy Spirit came down, like a dove, upon Him.

Q: Starting at the letter 'v' and going in the direction of the arrow, write down EVERY OTHER letter to find out how God felt about His Son.

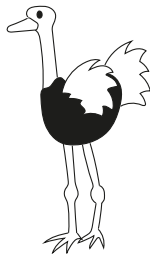


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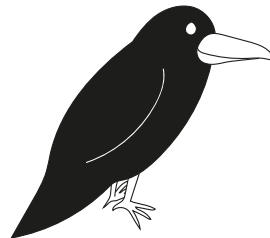
Q: Circle the bird that the Holy Spirit was seen as:



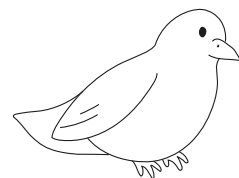
An Owl



An Ostrich



A Raven



A Dove

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Q: Where did the voice come from? Tick (✓) the right box.

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John

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Heaven

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The River

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TOTAL:

STORY 4: Tempted in the desert

Saying "No" to things that are wrong.



READ:
Luke 4: 1-13



KEY VERSE:
Luke 4: 8
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Maybe you have been alone for a moment and have seen something that doesn't belong to you, and thought about taking it.

You were being tempted to do wrong. Saying "No" to things that are wrong is not always easy. Let's find out what Jesus did.

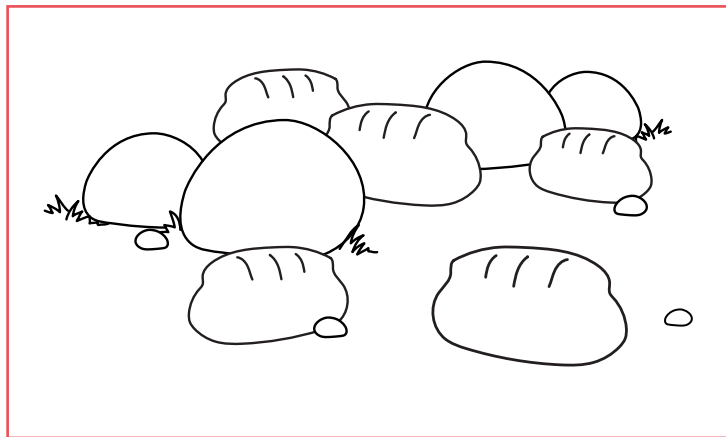
Q: Fill in the missing letters.

What is not always easy?

S _ _ _ _ _ "No" to things that are w _ _ _ _ .

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Jesus spent forty days in the desert and during that time He ate no food. As a result He was very hungry. Then the devil tempted Jesus by asking Him to turn stones into bread, but He didn't do it.



Q: Colour the number of days Jesus was in the desert.

40

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Q: Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) beside each sentence to show if it is RIGHT or WRONG.

Jesus was beside the sea.

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He did not eat any food.

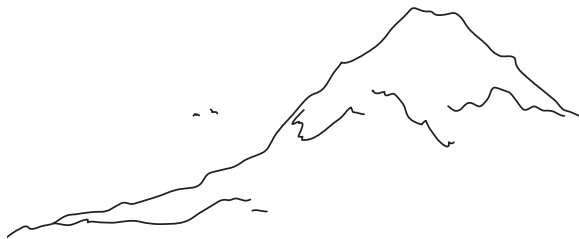
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He turned stones into bread.

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Next, the devil took Jesus up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. He said that if Jesus would worship him, all these would be His. Jesus told the devil that the Bible says that only God is to be worshipped.



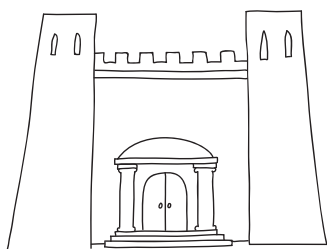
Q: What did the devil want Jesus to do?

W _ _ _ _ _ h _ _ .

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Q: The Key Verse (Luke 4: 8) tells us the words that Jesus spoke to the devil. Colour the words which have been printed for you.

Worship the Lord your
God and serve Him only. /6



Finally, the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple. He told Him that if He was the Son of God, He could throw Himself down to the ground and not be hurt. He was tempting Jesus to show His power. Again Jesus quoted God's Word to the devil.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was punished for our sin on the cross at Calvary. When we believe this and trust Him, He forgives us. He then helps us to say, "No" when we are tempted to do wrong.



Why did Jesus use Bible verses to answer the devil?

Jesus quoted verses from the Bible (the Old Testament) to show the devil that He was obeying God, His Father. Jesus, as we have already learned, never sinned.

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